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Complaint against the Maternity Hospital authorities, Egmore.

* 2255 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a complaint, dated 3rd March 1955, from one Ramaswamy Padayachi of Kuttalam, Tanjore district, regarding the failure of the Maternity Hospital authorities, Egmore, to intimate to him the death of his aunt in the hospital; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) After a thorough enquiry into the case, the Government found that there was no truth in the allegation. The petitioner has also been informed accordingly."

Investigation of grave offences in Ramanathapuram district.

* 2256 *Q.*—Sri R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government on 3rd March 1955 from Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram district, regarding the failure of the Police properly to investigate the cases of dacoity, murder and arson committed by Caste-Hindus on Harijans; and

(*b*) the action taken by the Government thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No such representation was received by the Government. The Government however received a telegram purporting to be from the Harijans of Paramakudi wherein it was alleged that a case against Odayars of Pethanendal village under the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act had not been conducted properly and that the case ended in a discharge. It was also alleged in the telegrams that attempts were being made to commit murder, dacoity and mischief by fire.

" (*b*) The allegations were inquired into. It is learnt that on 5th December 1953, a few Odayars had damaged a well dug by the Harijans and that the Police charged the accused for an offence under the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act and for rioting. The case ended in the discharge of the accused. Apart from this, no case of dacoity, murder or mischief by fire was reported by the Harijans against the Caste-Hindus."

Selection for appointment as Deputy Tahsildars.

* 2257 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons were selected for appointment as Deputy Tahsildars during 1954 in the Madras district; and